

Central Service Committee – Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026 at 7pm

In-Person address

Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Dr, Halifax

Zoom address

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RIRnRNVEdFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09>

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Secretary - start the recording

Welcome – Serenity Prayer and Declaration of Unity (see below)

This we owe to A.A.'s future:

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our fellowship united,

For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come

Twelve Traditions (Big Book page 562)

Roll Call (circulate paper and capture from zoom)

Bernie S, DCM District 2, non-voting
Val W, Co-chair Literature, voting
Garth, Sunrise, voting
Emily S, Newsletter, voting
Foster L, Cole Harbour Group, voting
Albert K, Treatment, voting
Mary, Circle of Sisters, voting
Chris, Serenity Sisters, voting
Dave T, Corrections, voting
Jeff, Highland Park, voting
Alec, Webmaster, voting
Natalie C, Keep it Simple, CPC/PI, voting
Garnet, Fresh Start, voting
Sharon, Help Email, voting
Barney W, DCM District 1, non-voting
Jake G, Downtown Dartmouth, voting
Michael H, Co-chair, voting
Chris, Fall River, voting
Paul, Telephones, voting
Louis, Back to Basics, voting
Will, Rainbow of Recovery, voting
Jarrad S, Secretary, voting
Sara G, Treasurer, voting
Heather L, Chair, non-voting
Velma, Four Seasons, voting

24, 3-non voting. 21 votes.

7th Tradition

Call for Agenda Items (Motion to approve Alec; Seconded by Michael). Motion approved.

Last month's Minutes errors or omissions (Motion to approve Sharon; Seconded by Mary).

Motion approved.

Old Business:

1. CS positions open:

- a. Chairs of: Entertainment, Insurance, and Public Information.
 - Heather L nominated Foster L for Chair of Insurance. (20 votes for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions).
 - Chairs of Entertainment and Public Information remain vacant.
- b. Co-chairs of: Hospital Visitation, Insurance, and Treatment
 - Michael nominated Will for the Co-Chair of Insurance. (unanimous for)
 - Co-chair of Hospital Visitation and Treatment remain vacant.

New Business:

1. In-person meeting space.

- After September, the price of the current space doubles. Michael and Heather searched for another space and found Northwood Community space in West Bedford.
 - The space is free. Free wi-fi access with a flatscreen TV. Ample parking.
 - **Motion by Michael H to begin our hybrid meetings at this facility in October. Seconded by Natalie C.**
 - Voting: 21 for, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.
 - Minority voice: concerns about getting out to Bedford using the bus. Relative cost of the group getting there is greater.
 - Motion carries. Michael will handle contractual closure here, and will work on contractual dealings with the new facility.
 - Next month, or in the coming months, the contribution to the facility will be discussed.
2. Ad Hoc committee recommendation: Central Service Group Inventory be a task of cochair to be done every 2 years during the first year of the executive term.
- CSRs please take this agenda item to your business meetings and return next month with any feedback or concerns.
 - Emily is strongly opposed to a regular survey costing us \$450 each occurrence.
 - The Chair noted that there are free survey methods the Committee has learned of since the survey was conducted.

3. CPC/PI information cards (new item)

Committee Reports:

CPC	Corrections	Entertainment	Help – Email
Hosp. Visit	Insurance	Literature	Newsletter
Public Information	Telephone	Treatment	Webmaster
Mid-winter Roundup	District 1	District 2	Area 82

CPC: (see photo on the phone from Natalie)

Q: are the police getting a card rather than carrying pamphlets?

A: when they are approached, they will be asked whether pamphlets can be placed in their lobbies and for the officers to carry cards.

Sunrise group is onboard for taking pamphlets and distributing them.

Q: are CSRs being asked to take this item back to membership?

A: Natalie noted that CSRs have been asked to take the item back to their groups to determine whether groups would like to participate in the pamphlet initiative.

CORRECTIONS:

As stated last month, on May 13th Gerry L and myself hosted the first corrections meeting inside since the COVID lockdown. It was a huge success with 8 attendees who were very happy to see us and participated in all aspects of the meeting. They were extremely grateful for the literature and attacked it like kids on Christmas morning.

4 out of 6 males have attended their security briefing at Burnside and so far, only 1 out of 3 cleared females. Right now, they only offer daytime briefings, but my point of contact is still looking into putting on one evening session as most of the volunteers work during the daytime and can't afford to miss hours of work.

With 4 cleared males I was able to send out a full month of June meeting schedule with teams of 2 going in every other week.

While gaining exposure from being mentioned at group meetings and personal interactions with AA members, I've had numerous people express interest in volunteering, I ask them to go to the website and send an email to my corrections account to start the ball rolling. I've gone so far as printing off everything for individuals and handing it to them and so far, no follow ups.

I attended the NS Service weekend as GSR of my group but there were many great discussions on the 4 GSO Sub-committees which I found very useful as chair of corrections.

I also attended the CSR orientation and must say it was a great presentation, a lot of thought and effort put into, thanks Mike. The examples of Roberts rules of order were simplistic and easy to understand if never exposed to them before and should help the new CSR's and sub-committee chairs better understand the complexities of any CS or business meeting that they attend in the future.

Please continue to mention at your home group meetings that the committee is always looking for both male and female volunteers.

I continue to attend the AREA 82 ACTIVE AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING on the last

Monday of the month as it is a very informative experience with attendees from all over Canada dealing mainly with the 4 committees, CPC, PI, Treatment and Corrections. I highly encourage our sub-committee chairs to attend if possible.

Yours in service,
David Triff
Corrections Chairperson
Alcoholics Anonymous Districts 1 & 2, Area 82
EMAIL : corrections.aahalifax@gmail.com
PHONE : (902)802-0095

Q: for people to pass on to their groups, who needs to step up regarding volunteers to carry out meetings?

A: we need more female volunteers than males, but anyone who is able to volunteer would be appreciated.

Q: there is a cost involved for getting the background check. If you don't get approved, you don't get refunded. Is that correct?

A: that is true. The cost is \$30.

Q: is this for jail or forensics?

A: this is just for the jail.

Michael noted that anyone who takes the background check, regardless of whether they pass, receives a refund per the Committee's decision from four years ago. Sara noted this would be part of the Corrections budget. Heather noted money can be shifted from another committee if necessary.

Dave noted that he does ask members to save the receipt to be reimbursed. Some members choose to absorb the cost as a way to donate to the fellowship.

Foster noted that if not for Michael's experience, the policy of reimbursement may have been lost. Can the guidelines for the Corrections Chair be amended to include that the cost of a background check be reimbursed.

Dave noted that one of the things he is doing is putting together exactly what the Chair is to do so the incoming chair will be aware.

ENTERTAINMENT: (no report)

HELP EMAIL:

Hello All:

May was a slower month than usual with only eight inquiries for help arriving. Two were sent to HELP but should have been addressed to our great Webmaster, which I did. Thank you all for your dedicated service and for allowing me to be a part of.

In service,
Sharon N
HELP Email

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

Hello Jarrad,

Here is the report for the month of May ..
There was 1 request for visitation at the VG for Cathy M .
Tasha T visited with her and Cathy M is home with her husband and family.

Yours in service,
Lorraine M

INSURANCE:

After Paul's resignation the Insurance file defaulted to Heater. Being familiar with this portfolio I offered assistance as her plate is full now. We discussed options and who may be interested in doing the job. Heather advised Will expressed a desire to do it but would not meet the two year qualification until October. I agreed to accept a nomination as Chair, with Will as co-chair, and coach him until the next election.

I have followed up on outstanding payments and am pleased to say all groups are now paid. One group has asked to be removed from the policy, and this has been actioned. Since the writing of this report, an additional group has been removed.

I do not anticipate a busy summer.

Yours in Service,
Foster L

Q: are the groups that were taken off still covered?

A: no. the groups that were taken off determined they were covered by the facility in which they were holding their meeting.

Q: we have one group member who regularly brings his dog. We are going to vote Sunday on whether we will keep the insurance.

A: check with the landlord and make sure their policy covers third-party liability.

LITERATURE:

Literature Committee Report	
Revenue	
	Amount
Cash	n/a
Square (Debit or Credit)	\$ 7.50
Cheque	\$ 238.00
E-Transfer	n/a
Total	\$ 245.50

Expenses	
	Amount
Bank/Square Charge	\$ 0.40
Club 24 (Rent)	n/a
Inventory Cost	n/a
Total	\$ 0.40

	Main Literature	Support Literature	Additional Titles	Pamphlets	Other	Total Units
Inventory Sold	10	4	0	0	30	44
Current Inventory	220	206	81	5742	801	7050
Retail Sales of Units Sold	\$ 192.00	\$ 46.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7.50	\$ 245.50

Opening Bank Balance	\$ 5,335.12
Closing Bank Balance	\$ 5,580.22
Actual Bank Balance	\$ 5,261.92

To deposit \$318.30 in Cash & Cheque

May was a slow month at the Bookstore. In total, we took in \$245.50 in sales. All cash and cheques that were collected will be deposited into the bank account later this week.

We have been in communication with the Webmaster and can confirm that the new price list has been updated on the website. Most of the main literature has remained the same (or similar) to the original prices. The additional literature titles and pamphlets have been increased according to the AA Worldservice online store.

Yours in Service – Melissa E.

Q: does Literature absorb brokers fees or tariffs?

A: no. there has not been any increase and we get free shipping due to the size of the orders.

NEWSLETTER:

Hi everyone,

This may be the first month we didn't have last minute changes after the newsletter was first posted and sent out - success! Just a comment on the notice this month looking for a talent show committee: as past organizer I approached five people individually but have not found anyone interested in taking on an organizational role for the show. Please spread the word - I have all the details in a document to help a new organizer with step by step instructions and lists of duties. Please get your announcements and birthdays into the newsletter email by the 25th of the month.

Thanks again,
Emily

Chair noted CSRs should go back to their groups and announce the service opportunity.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

TELEPHONE:

Everything is going well. Volunteers were picked up, we now have 15. Our schedule is made up through the end of July. Things are going well.

Yours in service,
Paul

Q: The Downtown Dartmouth group has the phones this weekend. Which group has it the following weekend?

A: the Chair noted the phones schedule is in the newsletter.

Q: the binder for the weekday phones, when it is opened, everything falls out.

A: the Chair noted the binder will be looked into.

TREATMENT:

Nothing to report for Treatment. Received a phone call saying the person who was

supposed to do the Forensics meeting Friday has cancelled and asked for his name to be taken off the rotation.

Reached out to Forensics people to see if they needed anything including pamphlets. Only have two volunteers for Bridging the Gap from the Sackville area. Reached out to Gilles but haven't heard back. Please announce that we need volunteers from the Sackville or Bedford area.

Yours in Service,
Albert

Foster noted there is a new recovery centre opened in East Jeddore for veterans and first responders. New meeting there called the Meyer's Point Agnostic Group. Musquodoboit Harbour group has been working closely with them. Has that organization contacted Treatment to see if they will fall under that umbrella. Albert noted he has not been approached.

WEBMASTER:

Concerns with sharing the recordings on the website where the recording is a video and members may be identified. Will suggested the video be shared upon request, but having the video shared widely may not be preferred.

Michael moves that the YouTube video be taken down as it is redundant to the documents. Modified motion to refrain from posting videos including AA members on the website (seconded by Alec). (18 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions). Minority voice noted that an audio recording would be suitable.

MIDWINTER ROUNDUP:

Elections brought in two new nominations! Dwight Co-Chair Hospitality, Nancy District 7 Al-Anon, Jane District 11 - Al-Anon.

Positions left are Co-Chair Registration, Secretary, and Co-Chair Treasurer. Look forward to filling these positions possibly next month! Anyone interested let me know.

Officially approved, the Delta Marriott will be the vendor for our 47th MWRU. Contract to be signed. Food choice still under review.

Treasurer budget still under review.

Everyone is very excited already for this event! Please become involved and feel what service can do for your recovery.

Next meeting 28th June 2026.

That's all for now,

In love of service,

Michael H.
Central Service Co-Chair

DISTRICT 1:

May was a busy month for general service in Nova Scotia with our Spring Service Weekend having occurred.

General Service representatives and general members from every district in Nova Scotia, met at the Truro Agricultural Campus.

Our Area 82 executive ran an effective and thoughtful Weekend and lots of discussion was had regarding our agenda. Some points of interest were the extension of the NS Archivist's term of service from 3 years to 4 years, with future elections to align with Area 82 executive elections. I'll add that if any members are interested to tour our archives to please contact our archivist, Kathy S.

Also of note was a report from our Area 82 Delegate, Dwayne M, who reported that a motion to remove the word Eskimo from the big book was passed at the General Service Conference. This will be forwarded to our literature trustees and will result in a change to all future AA literature.

District one has formed an Ad Hoc committee to explore solutions to a perceived disconnect in general service to our general service sub committees. We have met twice and continue to gather information on this topic. We hope to be in a position to make recommendations in about 6 weeks time. We meet every other Sunday at 7pm on the District 1 Zoom. Next meeting is June 7 and we would appreciate any members stopping in.

Yours in service,

Barney W.
DCM D1

Q: is the ad hoc committee a general service committee or a central service committee?

A: it is a general service committee.

Q: were you able to access a copy of the initial report that recommended those committees move to Central Service?

A: no.

Foster noted that the original report should be with him or Mary W. Foster will search through his old files to see whether he can find the original report.

DISTRICT 2:

June 2, 2026
District Two

The NS Service weekend was the weekend of May 15-17 at the Agricultural Campus in Truro. As DCM, I had intended to go but my transportation had to go out of province for work and so I was unable to attend. The message was relayed to me that District 1 and 2 may be needed to host the NS Provincial Roundup in 2028 instead of 2029 as the schedule would have had us doing.

Our next workshop is in June, on the second Sunday, at Club 24 at 2 pm. That one will be on Tradition Nine and it will be conducted by Amy A, the Alternate DCM for District 2.

I have been encouraging members of the committee to remind their groups about the Active Committee meeting that is held on zoom on the last Monday of the month at 6 pm. And, that meeting is not just for members of committees but anyone in AA who wants to know about what these committees do. It's a good way to learn about service work and see that it's not as intimidating as what we might think.

My home group is Sunrise and we will be having quite the birthday celebration on the last Tuesday in June. There will be 6 Birthdays. Doug G – 7 years, Oliver O 25 years, Bill H 31 years, Frank P 53 years, Joe Mac 59 years and Pete L 64 years for a total of 239 years.

That's it for District 2 for now.

In Service
Bernie S
DCM District 2, Area 82

AREA 82: (no report)

Executive Reports:

Secretary	Treasurer	Co-Chair	Chair
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Secretary:
Hello everyone,

Treasurer:

The Chair noted moving money around and the contribution will be added to new business for the next meeting.

Can we confirm the financial status for Area first before we send money and possibly send it to GSO?

Co-Chair:

April sped by fast! I believe the only couple things to report.

Heather and I looked at a place to possibly replace our Keshen Goodman. Northwood's facility 185 Northwood Place in West Bedford. The room will accommodate 40 people easily. It looks to be a clean new establishment, and has all the IT bells and whistles. The price is free! We would of course give a nominal donation. This is all if we agree to pursuing this place! The other option would be if we wanted to continue with Keshen Goodman, but would be at a higher price. It's up to the group conscience of the Central Service Committee.

Carried out as per Central Service Inventory request to brief on Central Service Representatives expectations with Central Service Chair. Report, Slides, and recorded event under Guidelines for Central Service AAHalifax.org.

Yours in service,
Michael H

Chair:

Thank you everyone who came to the CSR orientation meeting on zoom on Wed, May 13th.

I think it was very useful and we will continue to host such meetings for newly elected CSRs. I also feel we could extend this type of "orientation meeting" to all newly elected subcommittee chair positions as well. We shall see.

Big take-aways for me from this meeting were:

1. Everyone should be comfortable to ask questions during all discussions. Truly there are no silly or un-important questions, so please do not think that you should remain quiet. An active Central Service meeting is a sign of a healthy committee!
2. Everyone is responsible to participate in every vote on behalf of your group (CSRs) or your subcommittee (Chair/co-chair).

The recording of the zoom meeting plus the documents used during the meeting are all available from the web site on the Service tab then under Guidelines.

I have asked Sara, our treasurer, to start the budget preparation process in July as per our

proposed guidelines around this topic. She will follow those proposed guidelines as a sort of test to ensure this approach makes for a smooth budget review and approval process. The guidelines will come to the table for approval in Nov or Dec.

Finally, I have had a few questions about the ending date for the current 2-year term of CSRs and subcommittee chairs and co-chairs. I know many of you came to this table during the current term, which is for 2025-2026. This term ends Dec 31 of this year. We will begin elections for all subcommittee chair and co-chair positions in Sept. I strongly encourage you to think about how next you would like to serve within Central Service:

- If you were elected as a subcommittee chair several months into this current term, you can consider re-offering to continue as chair of that current subcommittee.
- I encourage all co-chairs to consider living up to the expectation expressed in our guidelines and be nominated for the chair position of the subcommittee.
- I encourage CSRs who will be leaving this table at the end of the year to consider being nominated as a subcommittee chair or co-chair. If you will be continuing on as CSR of your group that is wonderful as well.

You may have questions about all of this and Michael and I may be able to answer those questions, so please call!! It is so critical that Central Service has its subcommittee chairs elected before the end of this term so the important work can continue un-interrupted.

Yours in service,
Heather
CS Chair

Q: GSR wants to bring the four committees over to District.

A: DCM District 1 responded that some GSRs at District 1 are concerned with a break in the chain between GSO and the subcommittees. An ad hoc committee is going to research how to reestablish the connection between GSO and the subcommittee chairs. Only met twice so far, every second Sunday at 7 pm, the ad hoc committee meets. One member is writing to GSO and potentially we will make a recommendation as to how this issue may be addressed.

The Chair noted that both the districts and Central Service will be able to weigh in on the proposal.

Approval of Reports (Motion to approve by Alec; Seconded by Michael:). Passed unanimously.

Announcements from the floor:

- Dave: WESG celebrating two birthdays at the end of June, Thursday the 25th. Donnie B with 14 years and another celebrating 17 years.
- Highland Park celebrating the last Friday of the month. On June 30 at the Big Book

Study at noon, Warren celebrating 3 and Sharon celebrating 16.

Next Meeting: July 6, 2026

Responsibility Pledge

Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn; Seconded by:)

Secretary - stop the recording